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APPLICANT : Stephen G. Evangelides, Jr. et al.  
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TITLE : OTDR ARRANGEMENT FOR DETECTING FAULTS IN AN  
OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ON A SPAN BY SPAN  
BASIS  
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SIR:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

**AND RESPONSE**

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a two (2) month extension of time, up to and including May 17, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$225.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004, the period therefore having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly consider the following remarks.

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